

Allowable Subject Matter

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 7/1/11 has been entered.

2. Claims 21-22, 24-33, 35-40 are allowed.

Independent claims 21, 32, and 40 are directed towards a video conferencing system which recites "...the video server downloading the video server output signal to each of the remote computers upon its respective access to the video server, wherein access by the remote computer is verified by a first encryption technique that requires confirmation by the video server of authentication and security authorization information entered at the remote computer and wherein the video server output signals themselves are encrypted by a second encryption technique, wherein each of the remote computers decrypts via the second encryption technique and transforms the downloaded video server output signal into a display signal suitable for viewing on a display device associated with that remote computer, and wherein a representation of the source video signal at the initiating computer is viewable on each of the plurality of remote computers..." which are features that are not anticipated nor obvious over the art of record. Dependent claims 22, 24-31, 33, 35-39 are allowed for the reasons concerning the independent claims.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andy S. Rao whose telephone number is (571)272-7337. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Bank-Harold can be reached on 571-272-7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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